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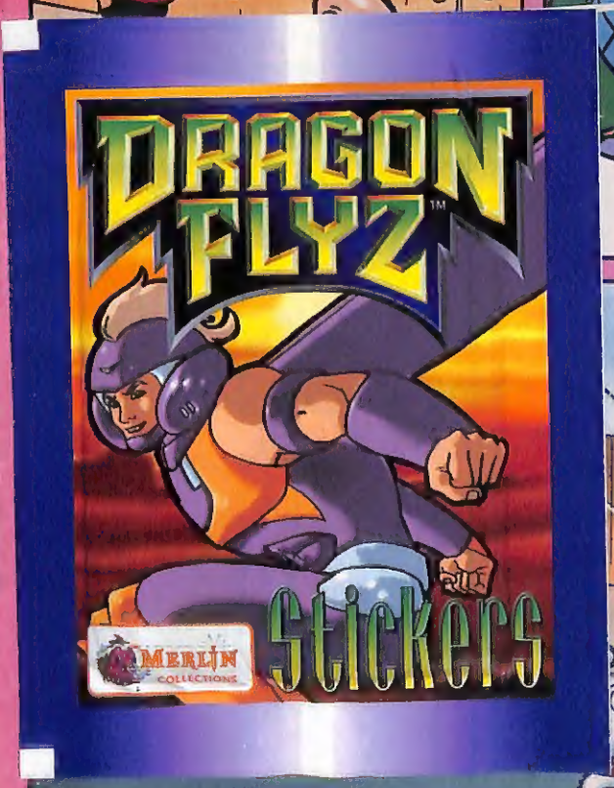

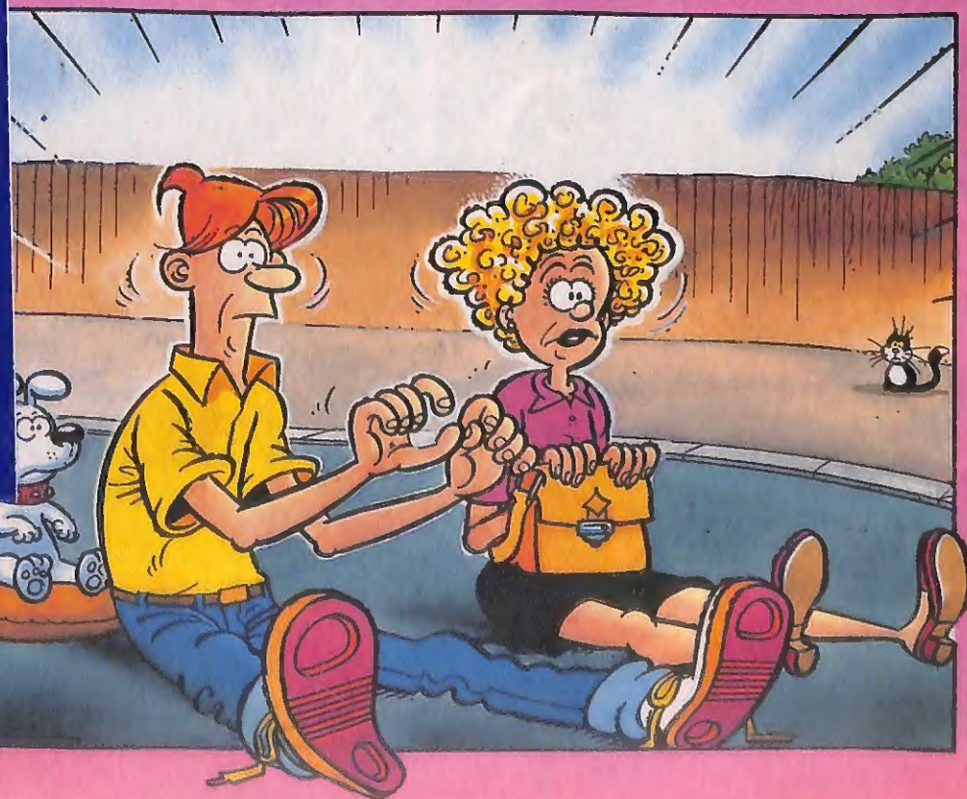

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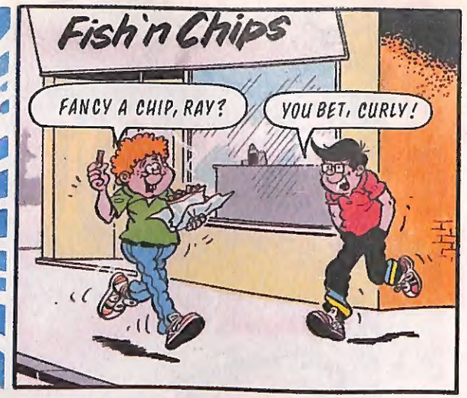
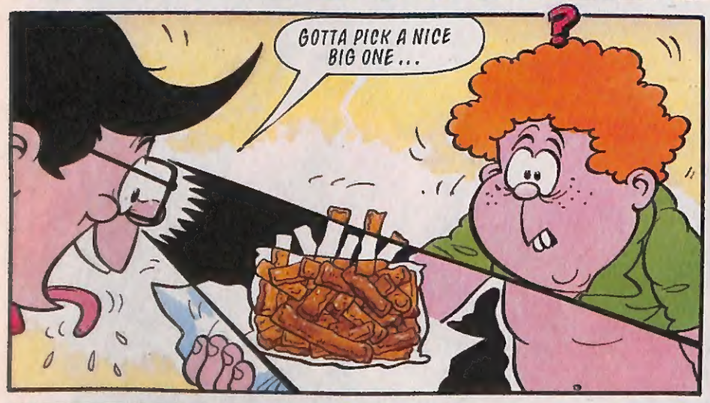
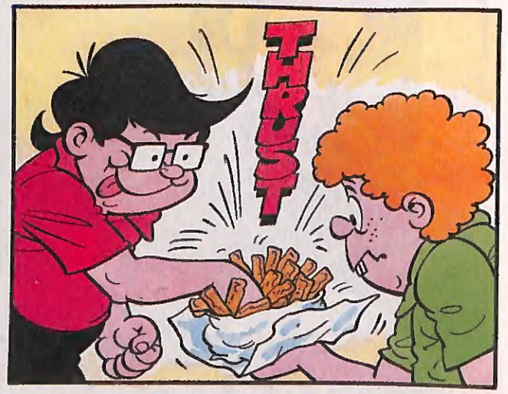

Fish'n Chips
FANCY A CHIP, RAY?
YOU BET, CURLY!

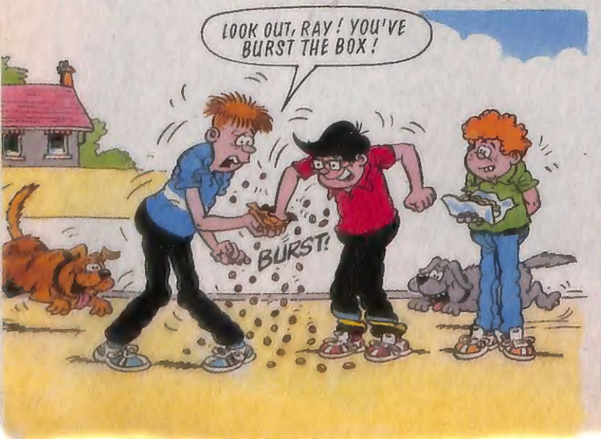

GOTTA PICK A NICE BIG ONE...

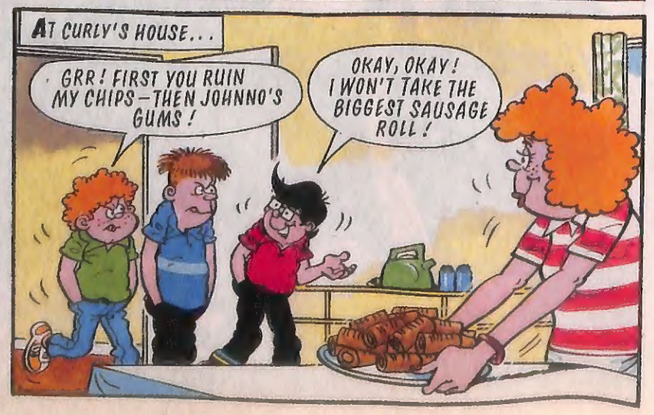

THRUST

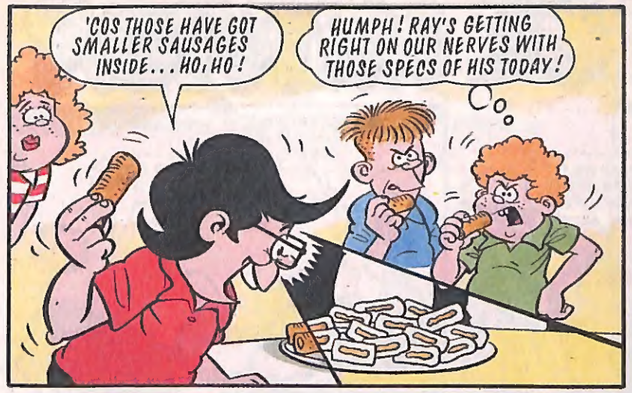
OUCH! I'VE GOT HOT FINGERS NOW!
NEVER MIND YOUR FINGERS... YOU'VE SQUASHED ALL MY CHIPS!
PUFF! BLOW!

THEN...
FANCY A SWEET, ANYONE?

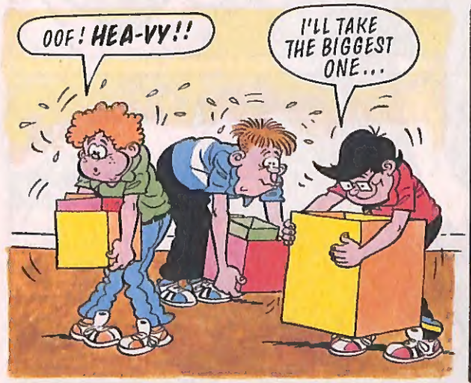
CHEERS, JOHNNO. AH! I SEE A DOUBLE-ONE!!

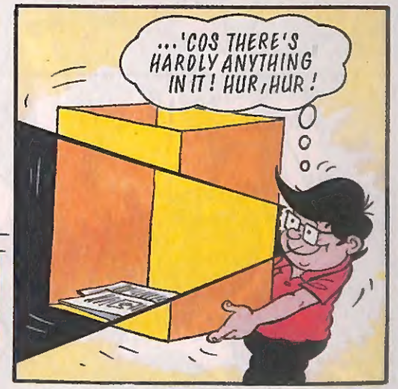

LOOK OUT, RAY! YOU'VE BURST THE BOX!
BURST!


AT CURLY'S HOUSE...
GRR! FIRST YOU RUIN MY CHIPS—THEN JOHNNO'S GUMS!
OKAY, OKAY! I WON'T TAKE THE BIGGEST SAUSAGE ROLL!

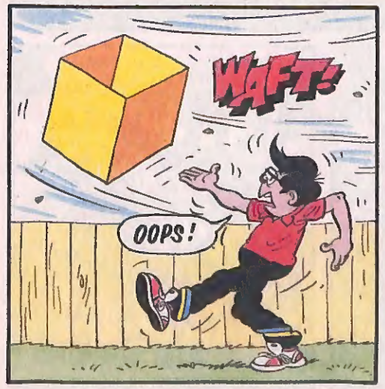

'COS THOSE HAVE GOT SMALLER SAUSAGES INSIDE... HO, HO!
HUMPH! RAY'S GETTING RIGHT ON OUR NERVES WITH THOSE SPECS OF HIS TODAY!

THEN...
OH, BOYS, WILL YOU TAKE THOSE BOXES OUT TO THE SKIP FOR ME, PLEASE?
SURE, MUM!


OOF! HEA-VY!!
I'LL TAKE THE BIGGEST ONE...

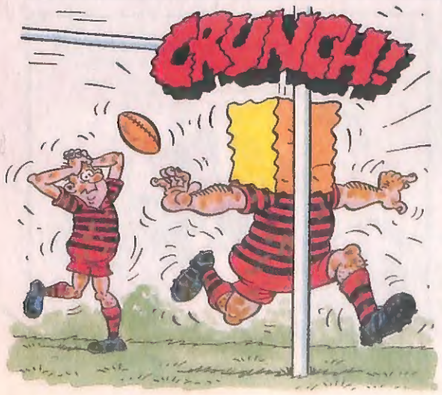

...'COS THERE'S HARDLY ANYTHING IN IT! HUR, HUR!

HAVING PROBLEMS, LADS?
GURRR!


WAFT!
OOPS!

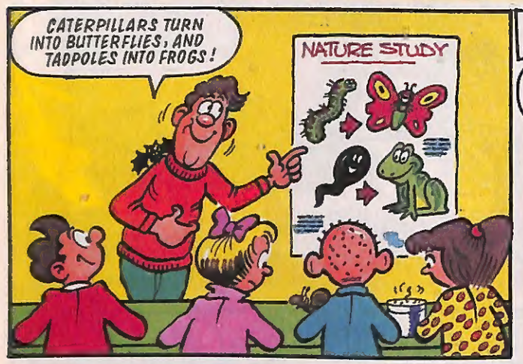
BETTER GET IT BACK, RAY... OR YOU'LL BE DONE FOR LEAVING LITTER!
HO, HO! THE BIGGEST BOX WASN'T SUCH A GOOD IDEA, AFTER ALL, EH?

RUGBY CLUB


CRUNCH!

IT'S GOT SOMETHING BIG IN IT NOW, RAY!
I'LL SAY... IT'S BIG DAVE WOOLLEY... AND HE'S NOT HAPPY!
GRRRR!
GULP! BIG TROUBLE!

MELVYN'S MIRROR



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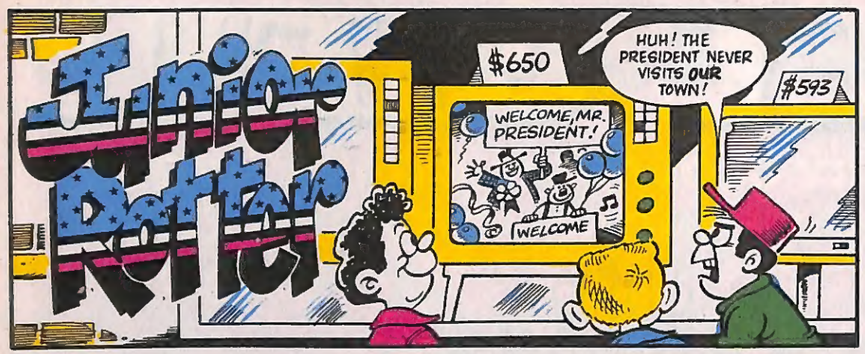
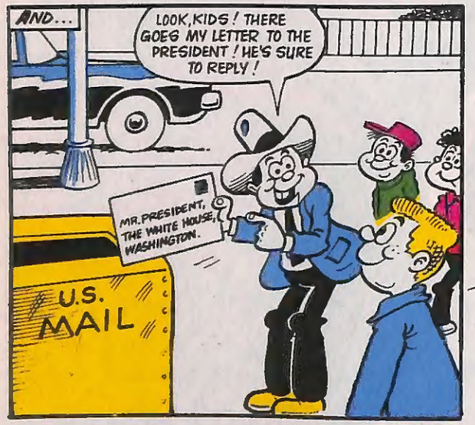
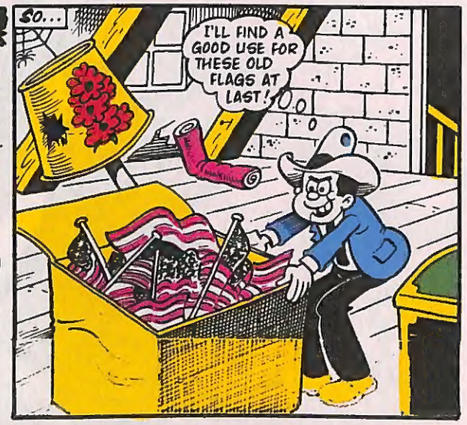
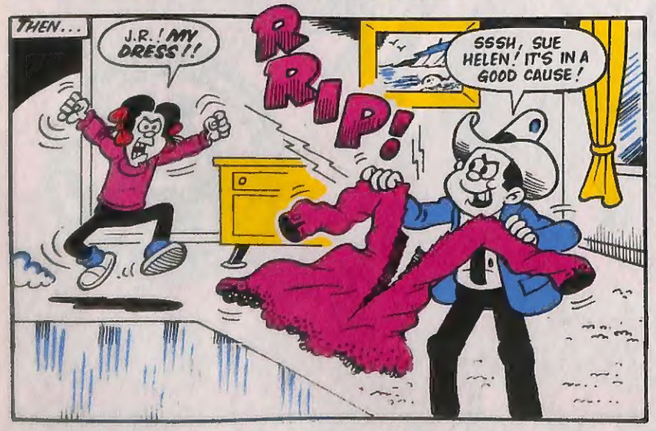

Little Rotten
$650
HUH! THE PRESIDENT NEVER VISITS OUR TOWN!
$593
WELCOME, MR. PRESIDENT!
WELCOME

NEVER SAY 'NEVER', KID! JUST LEAVE IT TO OL' J.R.! I PULL SOME WEIGHT AT THE WHITE HOUSE, YOU KNOW!
HUH!


AND...
LOOK, KIDS! THERE GOES MY LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT! HE'S SURE TO REPLY!
MR. PRESIDENT, THE WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON.
U.S. MAIL

HE ISN'T SURE TO REPLY, BUT I CAN MAKE SOME MONEY HERE!


SO...
I'LL FIND A GOOD USE FOR THESE OLD FLAGS AT LAST!

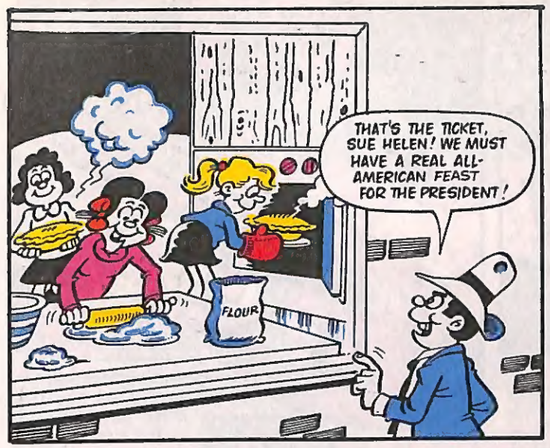

THEN...
J.R.! MY DRESS!!
SSSH, SUE HELEN! IT'S IN A GOOD CAUSE!
RRIP!

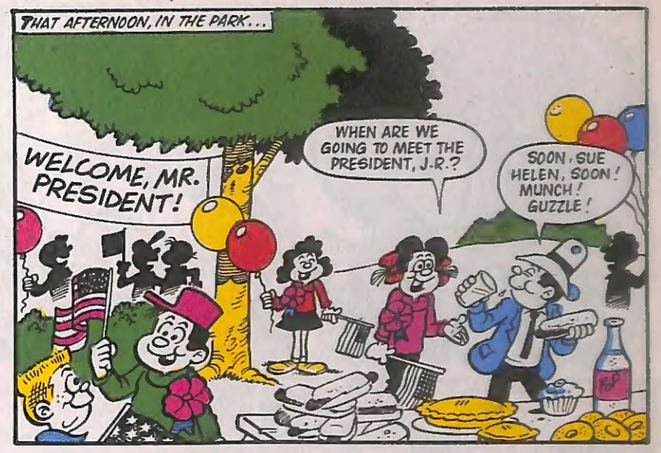
WE MUST HAVE LOTS OF ROSETTES AND BUNTING WHEN WE MEET THE PRESIDENT!
TWIST!
!

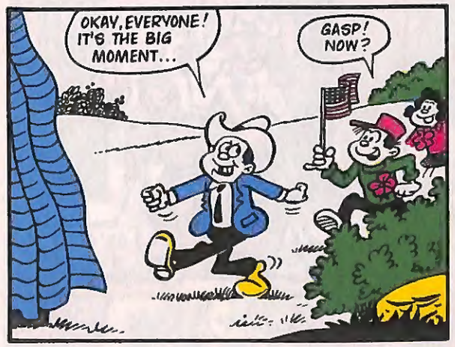
GASP! YOU MEAN IT'S REALLY GOING TO HAPPEN?
I SAID SO, DIDN'T I?

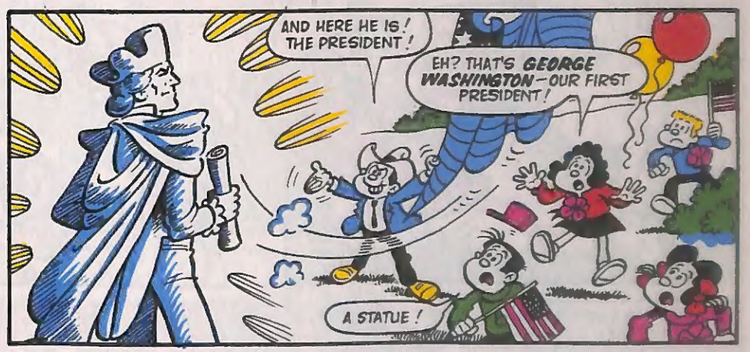
I MUST TELL ALL THE KIDS IN TOWN!
YEP! WE'VE GOT TO GIVE HIM A REAL TEXAS WELCOME!

AND...
WE MUST HAVE FLAGS WHEN WE MEET THE PRESIDENT!
SURE! AND YOU WON'T FIND THEM AT KEENER PRICES!


THAT'S THE TICKET, SUE HELEN! WE MUST HAVE A REAL ALL-AMERICAN FEAST FOR THE PRESIDENT!
FLOUR


THAT AFTERNOON, IN THE PARK...
WELCOME, MR. PRESIDENT!
WHEN ARE WE GOING TO MEET THE PRESIDENT, J.R.?
SOON, SUE HELEN, SOON! MUNCH! GUZZLE!

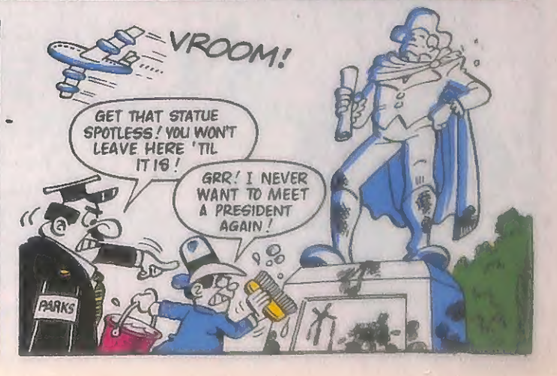

OKAY, EVERYONE! IT'S THE BIG MOMENT...
GASP! NOW?


AND HERE HE IS! THE PRESIDENT!
EH? THAT'S GEORGE WASHINGTON—OUR FIRST PRESIDENT!
A STATUE!

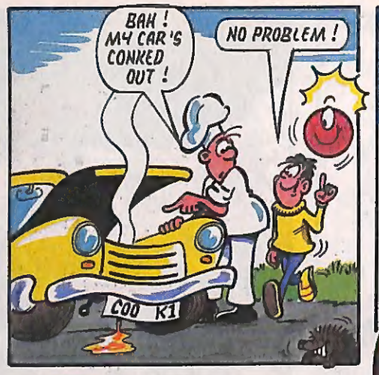
DON'T YOU WANT TO MEET HIM?
GRR! WE SHOULD HAVE KNOWN IT WAS ONE OF J.R.'S ROTTEN TRICKS!

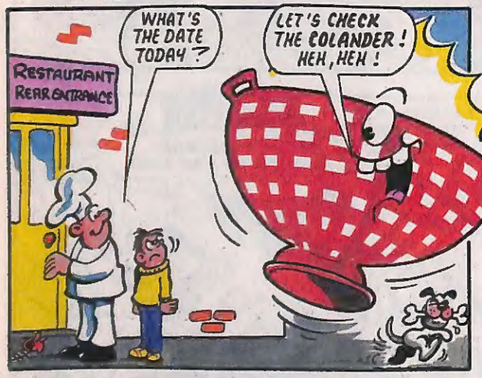
JUST THEN...
GASP! THOSE ARE SECRET SERVICE MEN! THE PRESIDENT'S BODYGUARDS!
EH? THEY MUST HAVE HEARD OF MY LITTLE TRICK! I'M OFF!

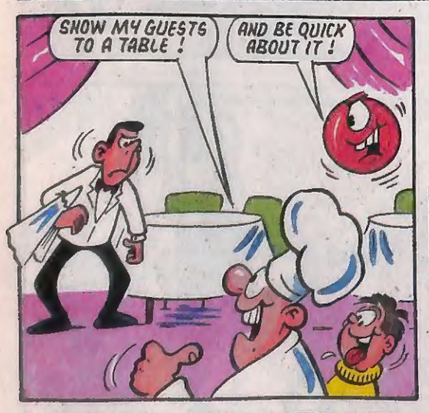
BUT...
YES, THE PRESIDENT'S SORRY HE CAN'T COME TO SEE YOU, AFTER THAT NICE LETTER YOU SENT HIM...
...BUT HE'S ARRANGED FOR YOU TO FLY TO VISIT HIM IN WASHINGTON!
WOW!
WHAT'S GOING ON?

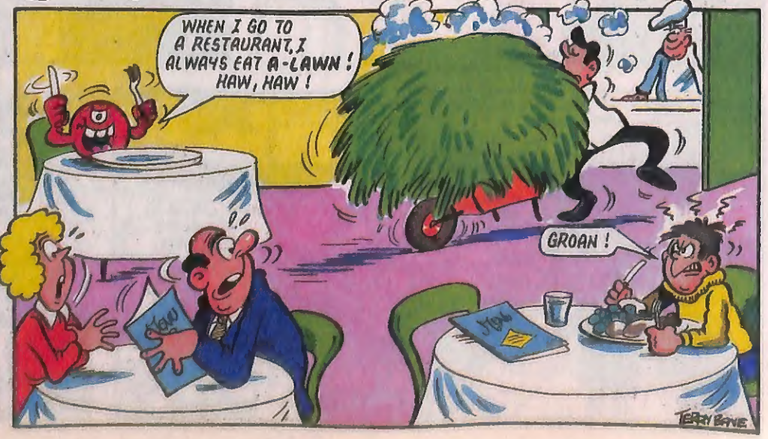

VROOM!
GET THAT STATUE SPOTLESS! YOU WON'T LEAVE HERE 'TIL IT IS!
GRR! I NEVER WANT TO MEET A PRESIDENT AGAIN!
PARKS

DO BALL









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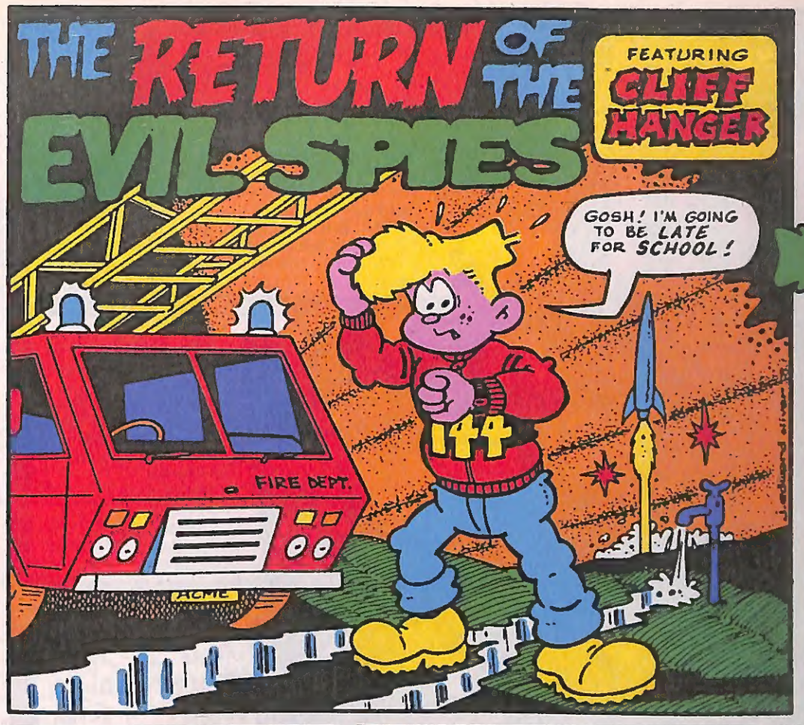

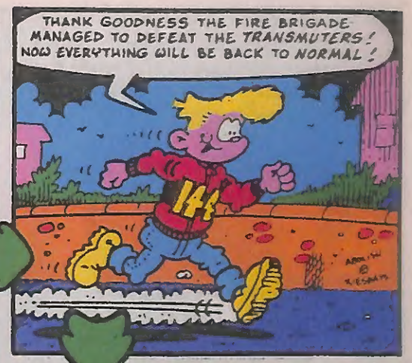

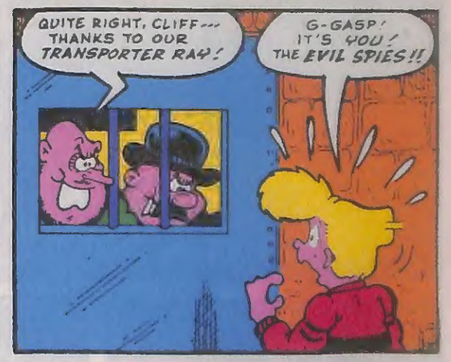

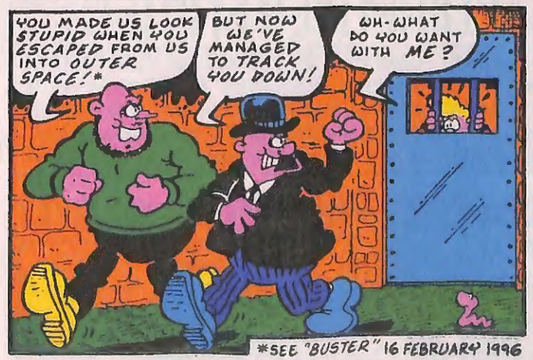

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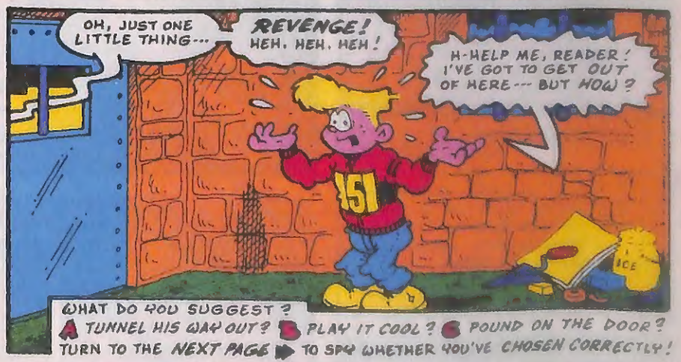

WHAT DO YOU SUGGEST?
A TUNNEL HIS WAY OUT? B PLAY IT COOL? C POUND ON THE DOOR?
TURN TO THE NEXT PAGE ▶ TO SPY WHETHER YOU'VE CHOSEN CORRECTLY!

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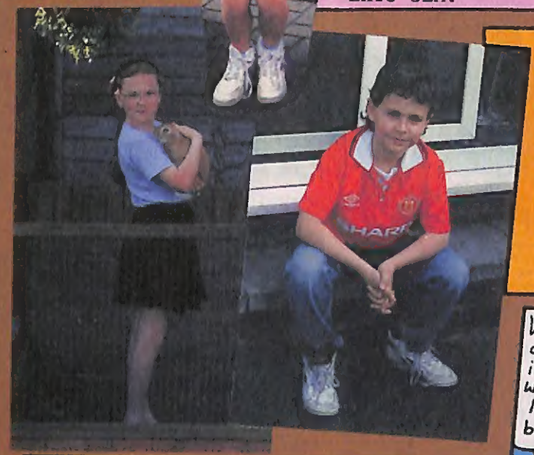
Dear Buster,
I'd like a pen-pal to write to, boy or girl, age 8-12. I am deaf but can lip-read very well. I love Manchester United, playing football and going on my bike and roller blades.
LAURA SHORT (age 10), 52 MELBOURNE STREET, TIVERTON, DEVON EX16 5LA.

What do you get if you cross a cow, a sheep and a goat?
The Milky Bar Kid!
Mark McGennity, Warrenpoint, Co. Down.

Dear Buster,
I've sent you this drawing of Joker. Also, I'd like a pen-pal aged 8 to 12, boy or girl. I'm 10. I'll try to write back to everyone.
LIA EDWARDS, 4 TY HEN, LLANGEFNI, ANGLESEY, N.WALES LL77 7EZ.



Dear Buster,
I'm looking for a pen-pal aged 10-13. I like riding my bike, playing pool and football and reading Buster.
MICHAEL MARIGLIANO, KOILMORE, CLAREMORRIS, CO. MAYO, IRELAND.

Dear Buster,
I went to a fair that a friend was holding and bought a copy of Buster Classics. From then on, I've bought every issue of Buster. I'm dying for a pen-pal, boy or girl, 8-12. I am 11. I love swimming, netball and handwriting. I will write back.
KIRSTY DARRAGH, 34 HORALD ROAD, DEAL, KENT CT14 6QH.
P.S. The pic is me with Floppise, my rabbit.

Samuel Beardsworth, Darwen, Lancs.

Buster Birthdays

17 MAY: Brendan McCall (age 12), Peartree, Derbyshire.
20 MAY: Gail Corbett (age 40), Hinckley, Leicestershire.
21 MAY: Andrew Smith (age 9), Hull.
22 MAY: Christine Wyse (age 37), Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire.
26 MAY: James John Barry, Wanstead, London E11.
27 MAY: Laura Barnes (age 11), York.

PLEASE FILL IN AND SEND THIS COUPON WHENEVER YOU WRITE TO *BUSTER*.

MY TOP 3 *BUSTER* STRIPS:
1 .....
2 .....
3 .....
MY *LEAST* FAVE STRIP:
.....

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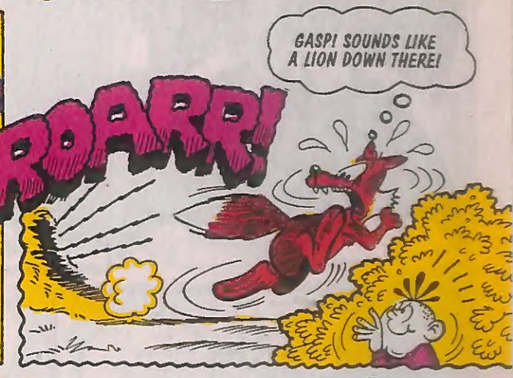

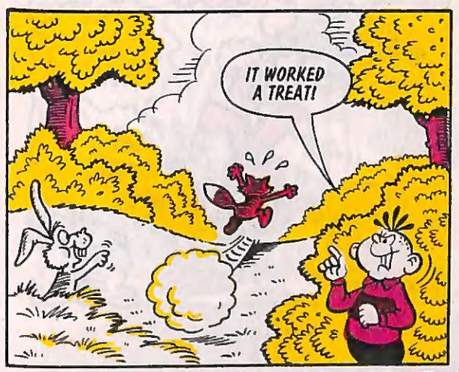

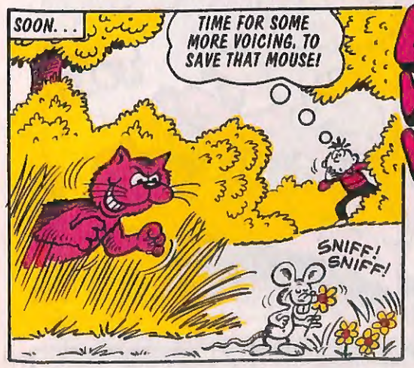

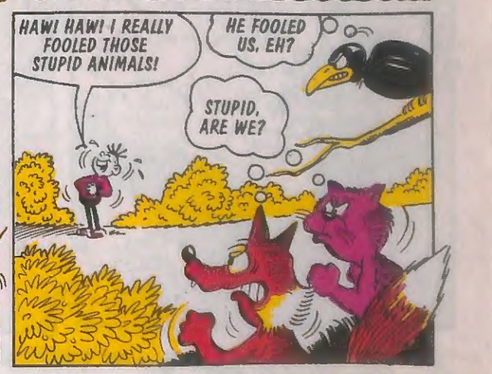

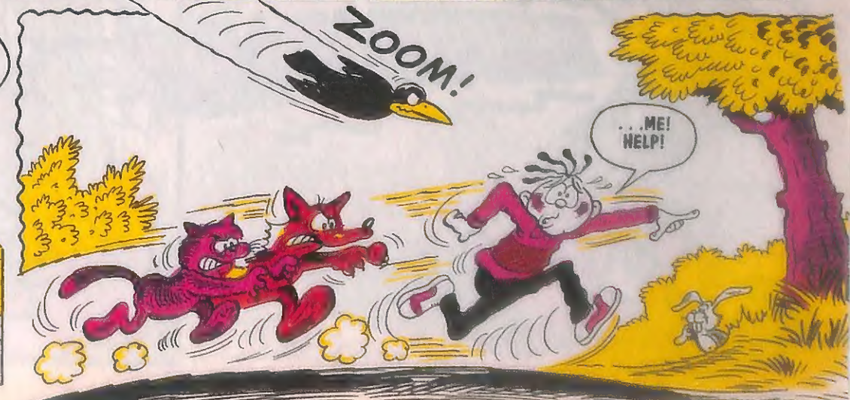

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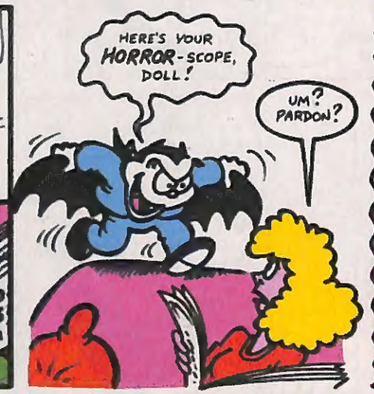

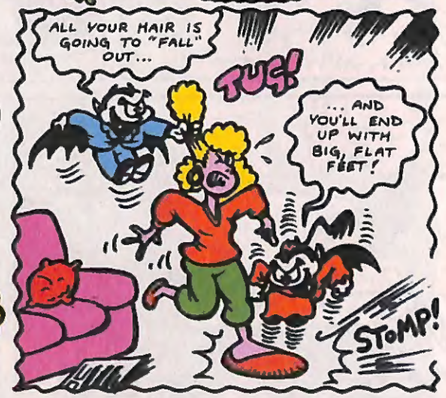

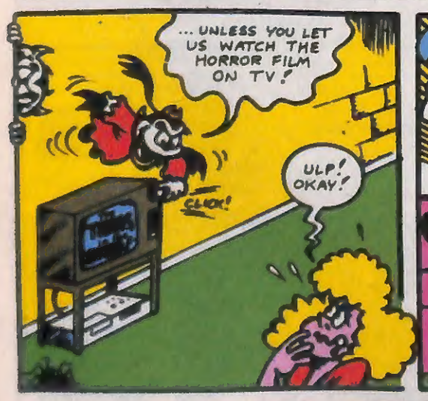

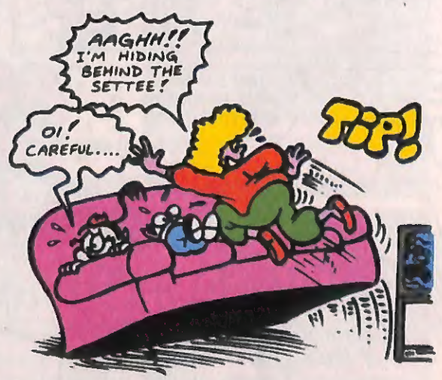

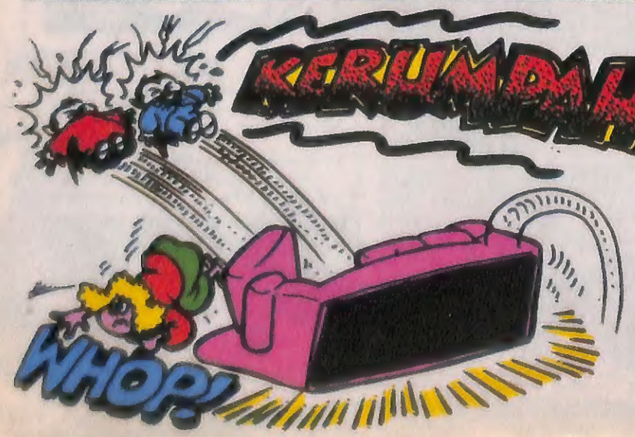

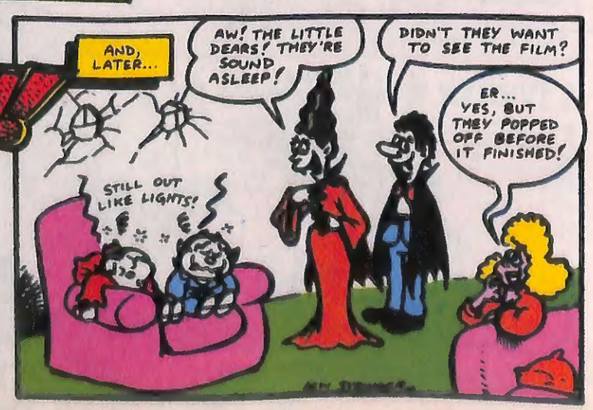

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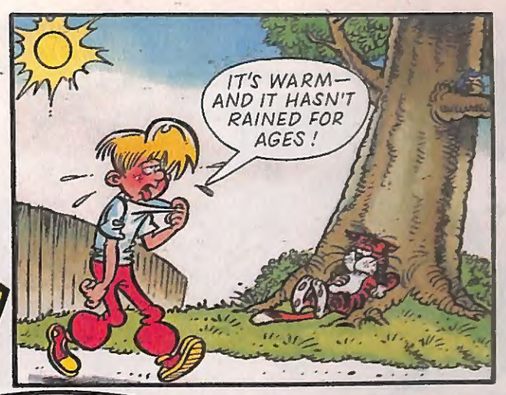

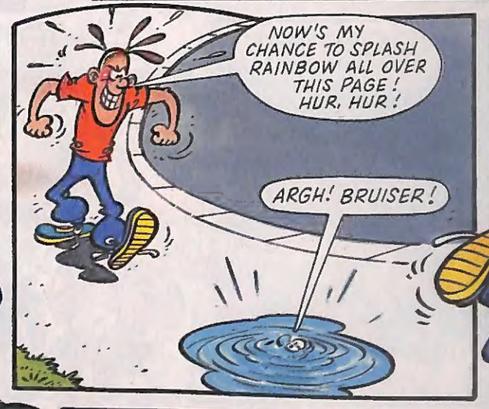

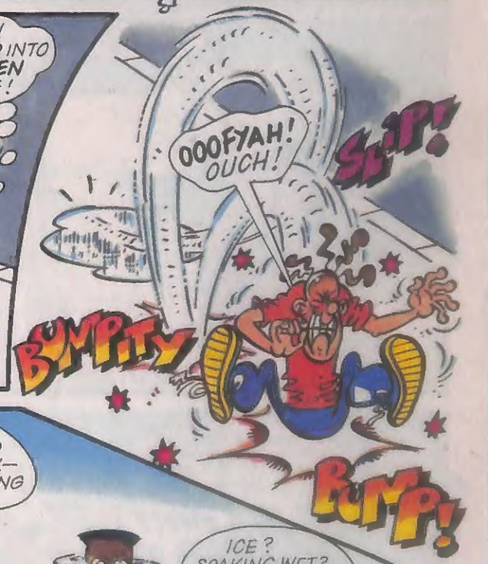

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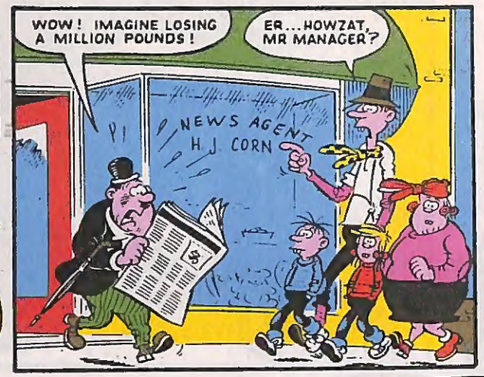

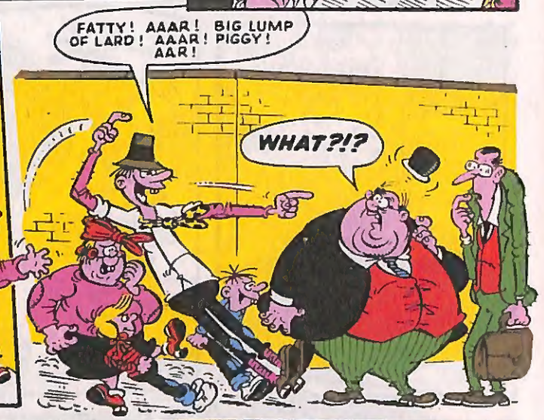

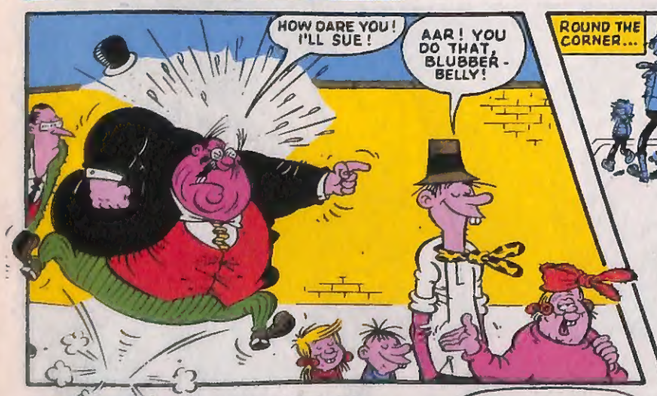

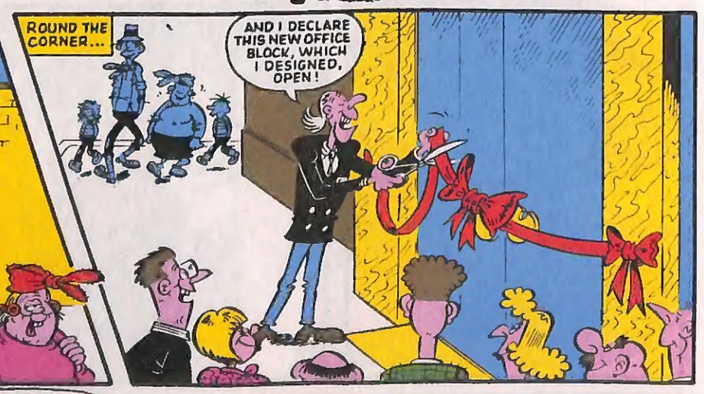

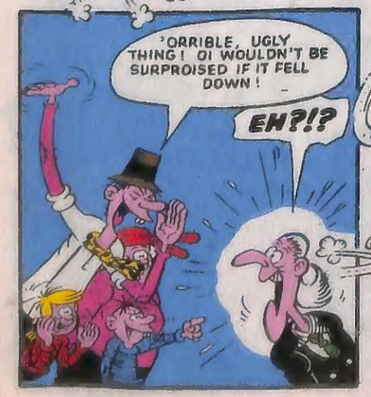

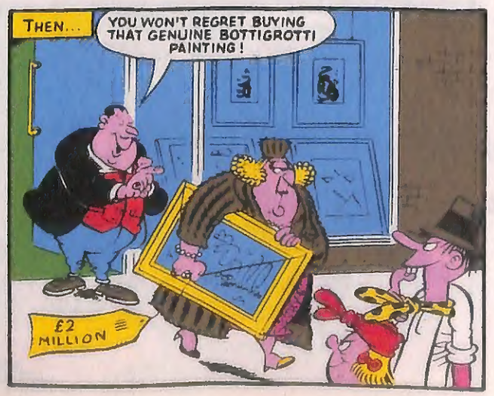

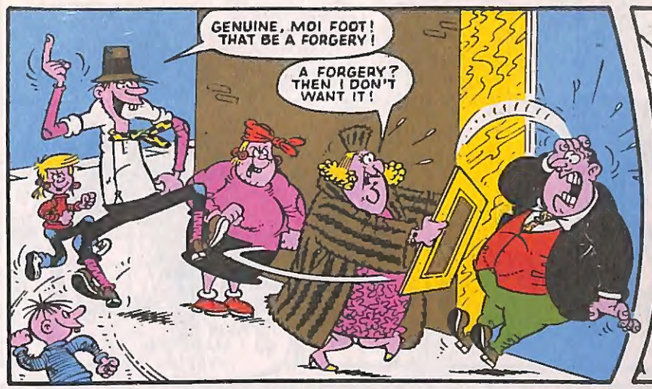

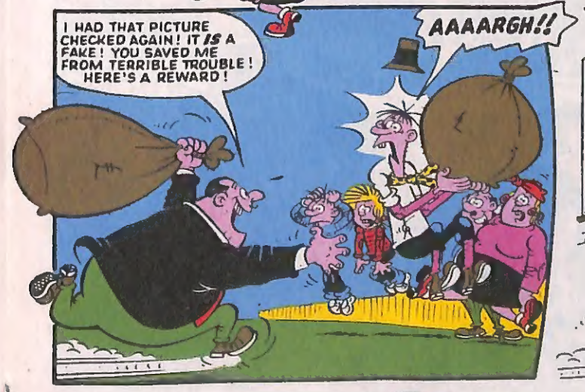

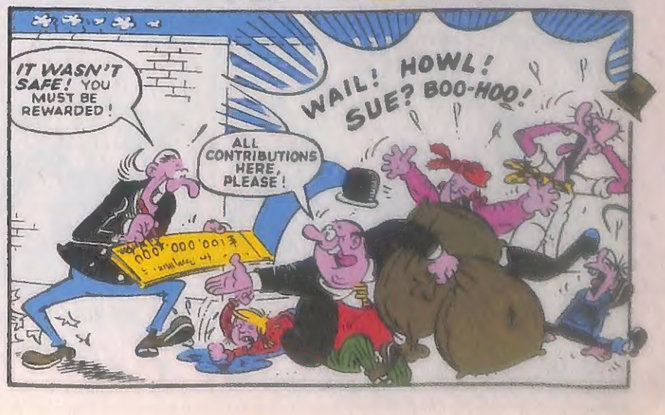

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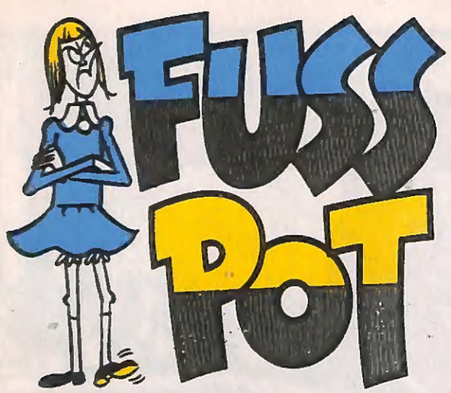

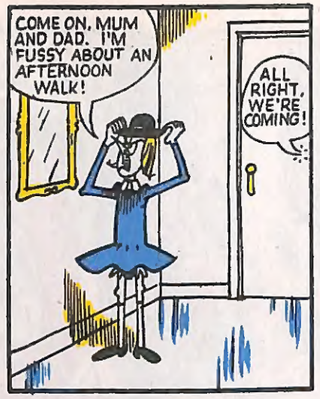

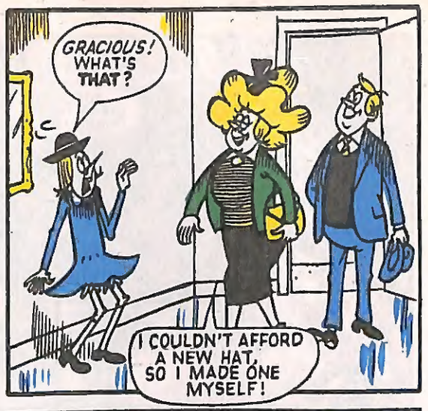

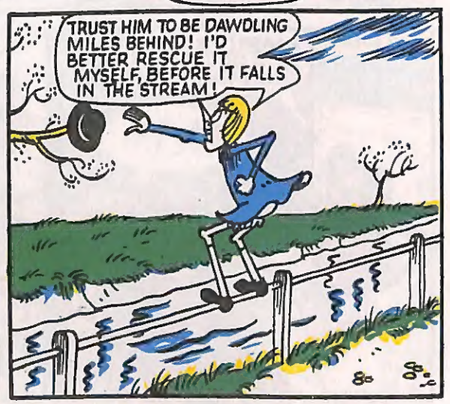

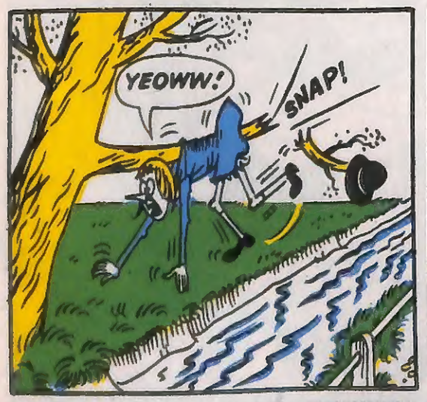

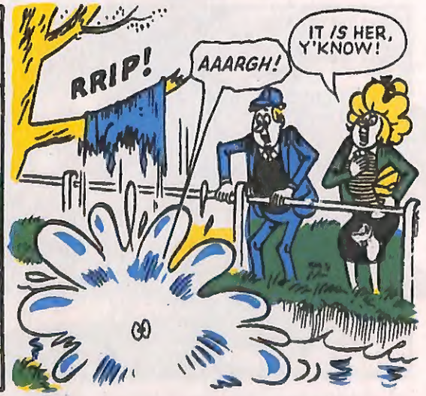

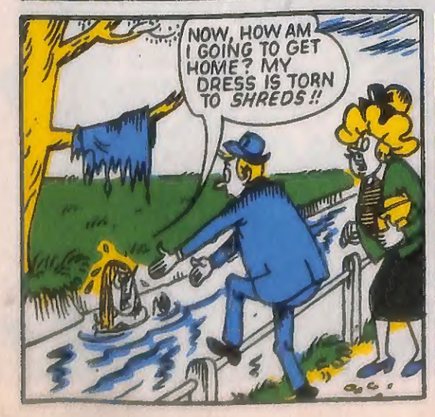

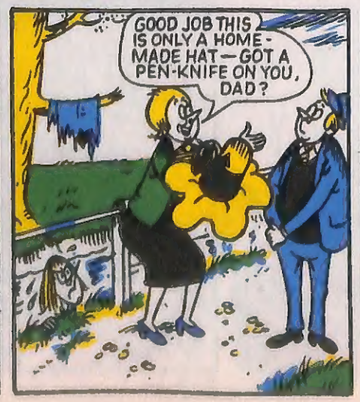

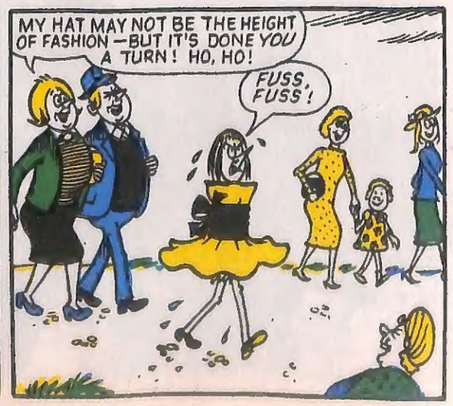

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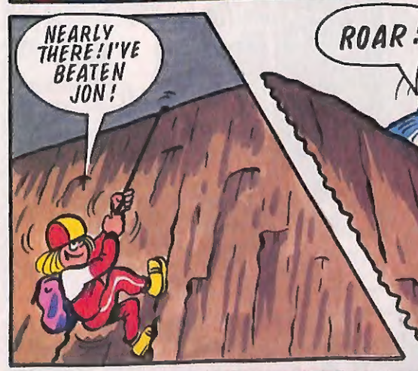
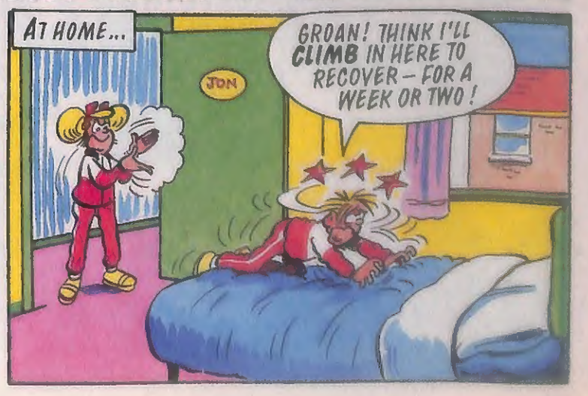
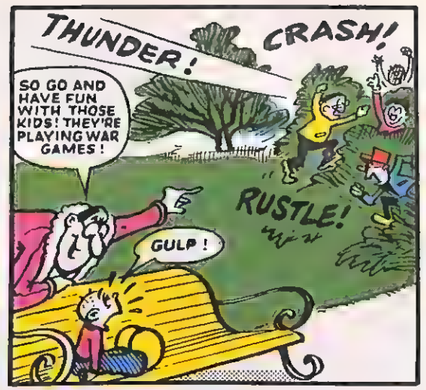




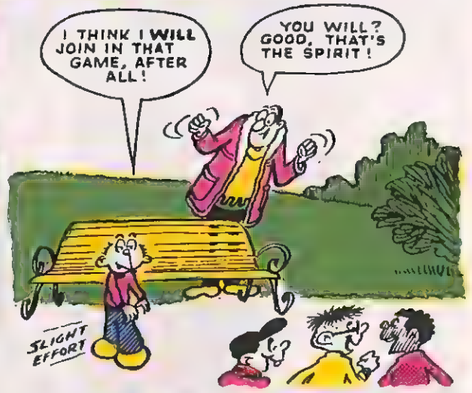
LAZY
Bones

GRR! YOU WERE SENT TO THE PARK TO PLAY, BENNY!
P-PLAY?


THUNDER!
CRASH!
SO GO AND HAVE FUN WITH THOSE KIDS! THEY'RE PLAYING WAR GAMES!
GULP!
RUSTLE!

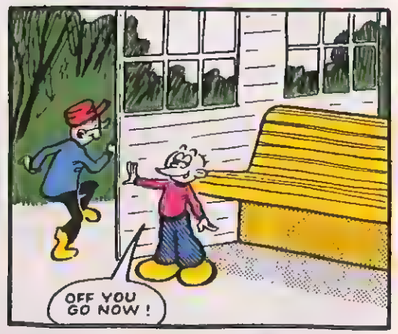
WE'VE CAUGHT THE SPY!

INTO PRISON WITH HIM!

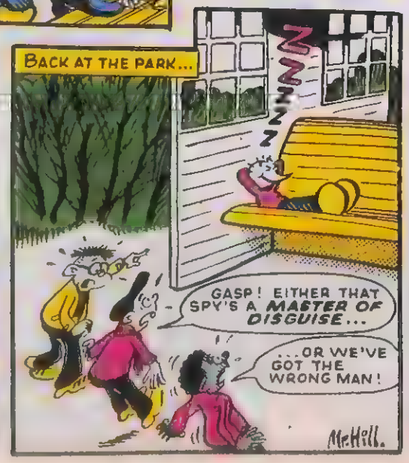

I THINK I WILL JOIN IN THAT GAME, AFTER ALL!
YOU WILL? GOOD, THAT'S THE SPIRIT!
SLIGHT EFFORT

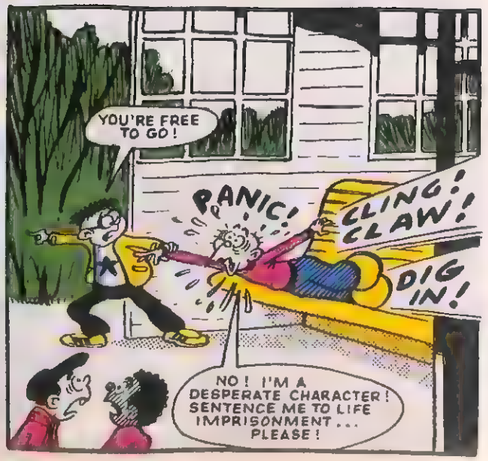
ON PATROL NOW!
EH?
PSST! I'M HERE TO HELP YOU ESCAPE!

IS THIS IN THE GAME?
SURE!


OFF YOU GO NOW!

MEANWHILE...
BENNY'S JOINED IN A REALLY RIP-ROARING KIDS' GAME!
KNIT
This is too much!

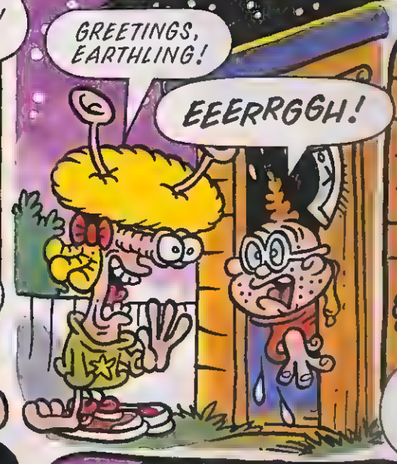

BACK AT THE PARK...
ZZZZZ
GASP! EITHER THAT SPY'S A MASTER OF DISGUISE...
...OR WE'VE GOT THE WRONG MAN!
McHall.


YOU'RE FREE TO GO!
PANIC!
CLING! CLAW!
DIG IN!
NO! I'M A DESPERATE CHARACTER! SENTENCE ME TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT... PLEASE!

LUCY
LASTIC

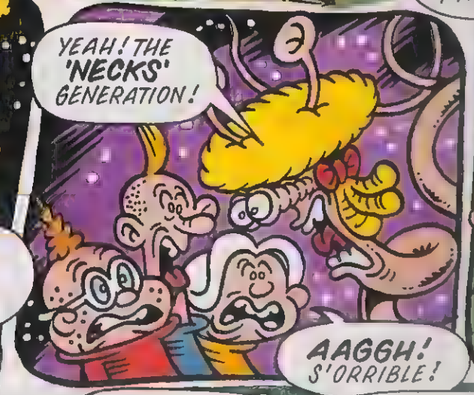
SPOTTY WATKINS AND HIS X-FILES CLUB THINK THEY SAW A UFO LAST NIGHT!
X-Files Club
Observatory

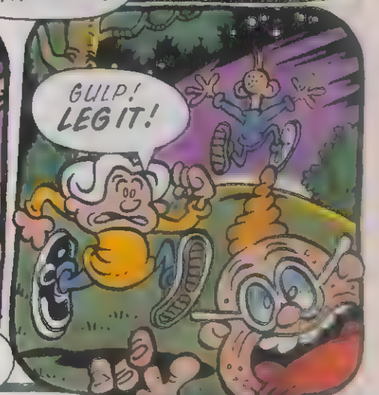
ALIEN STRETCH!
I'LL GIVE 'EM ALIENS! SNIGGER!
KNOCK!
X-Files Club
WHO'S THAT?


GREETINGS, EARTHLING!
EEERRGGH!

A-A-ALIEN?!
FOUR TO BEAM UP, COMMANDER PWAAARP!

THIS IS LIKE SOMETHING OUT OF STAR TREK?


YEAH! THE 'NECKS' GENERATION!
AAGGH! S'ORRIBLE!

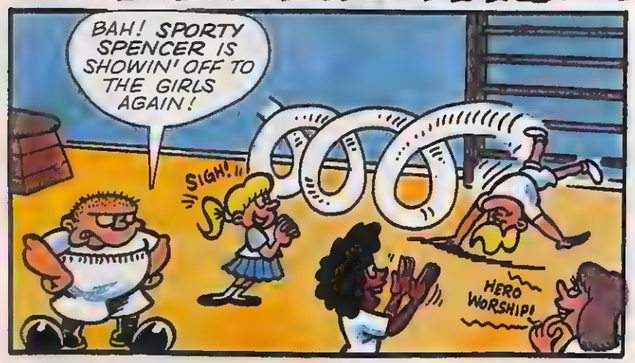

GULP! LEG IT!

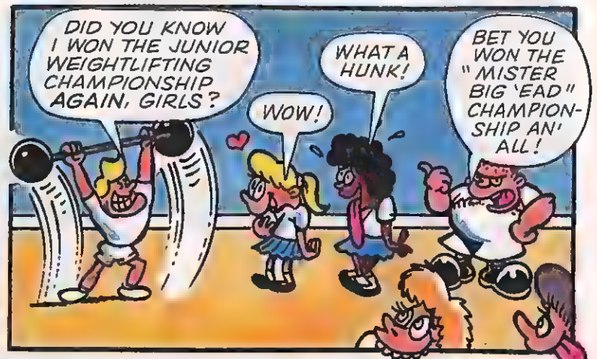
HEH, HEH! FANCY BELIEVING IN ALIENS!

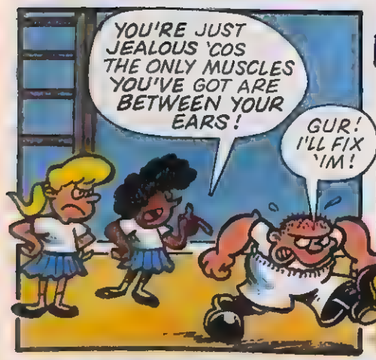
GLERBLE!
THANKS, KID! NOW WE CAN RETURN TO OUR SHIP WITHOUT THAT BUNCH OF LOSERS WATCHING US!

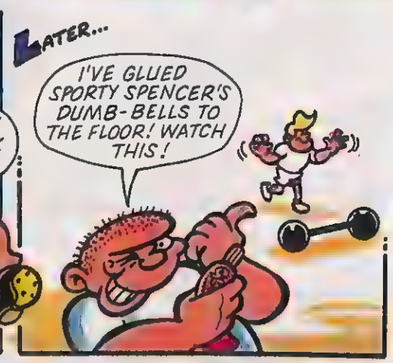
Tom Thug's SKOOLdayZ

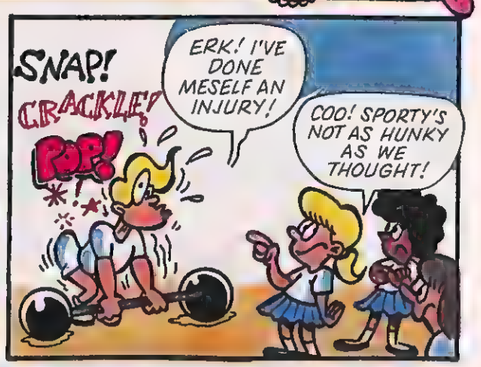
2+2=5

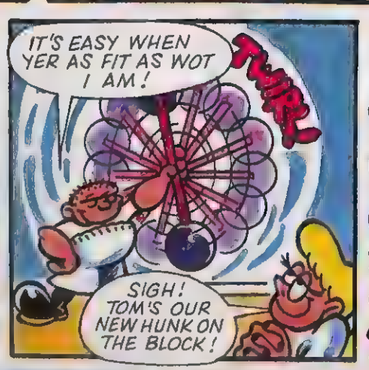


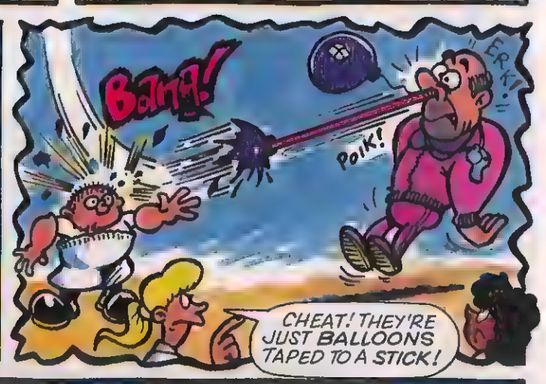


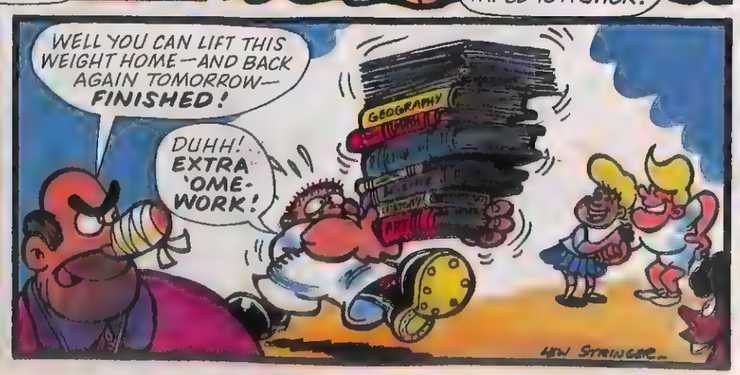












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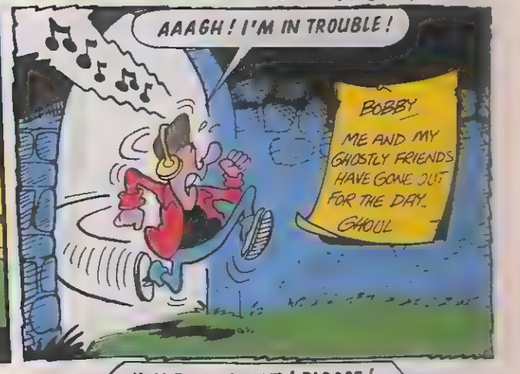
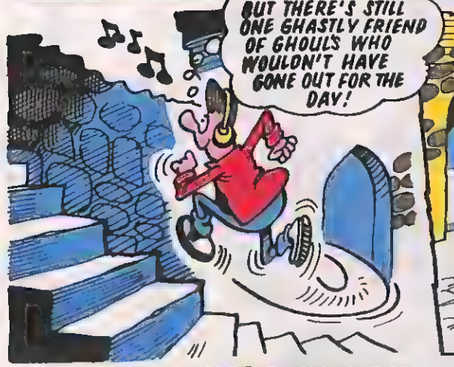
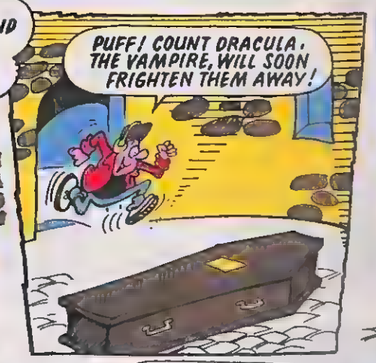
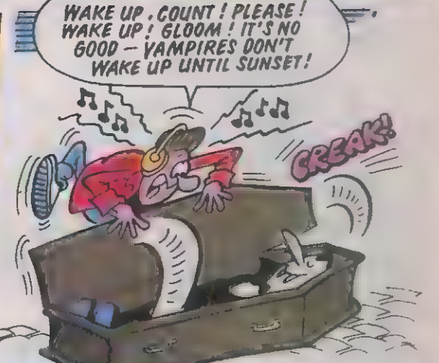
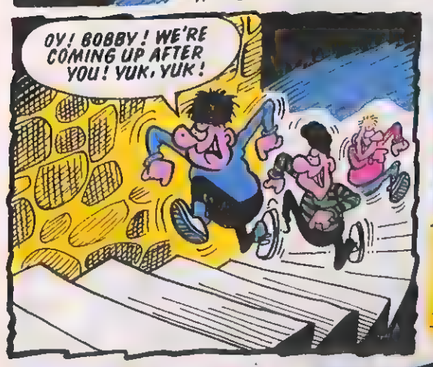
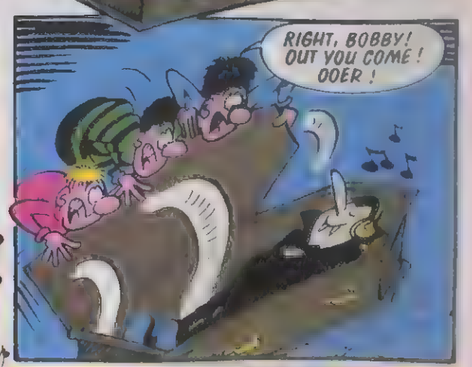


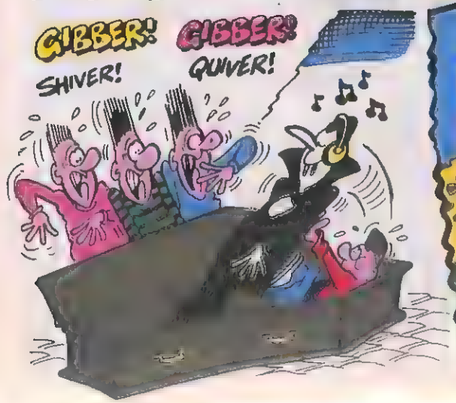


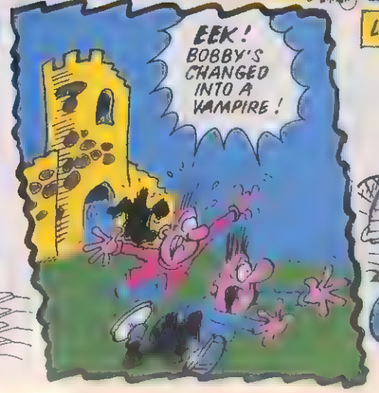


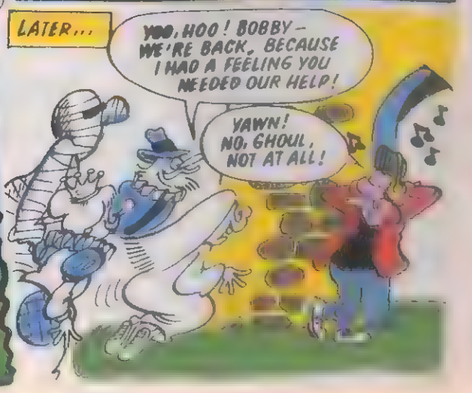


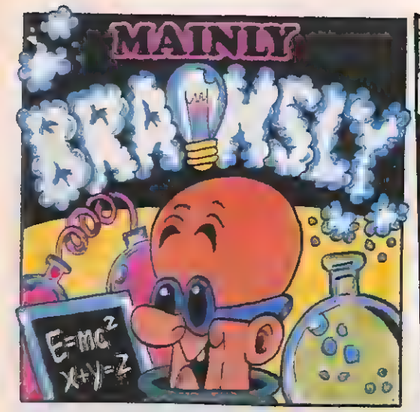


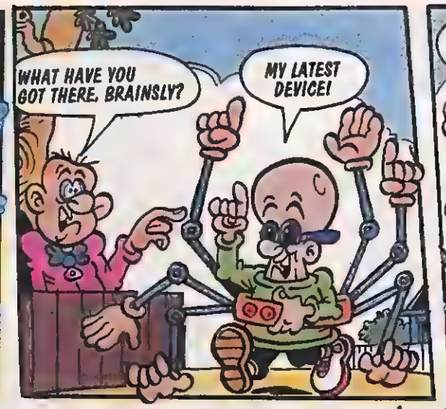


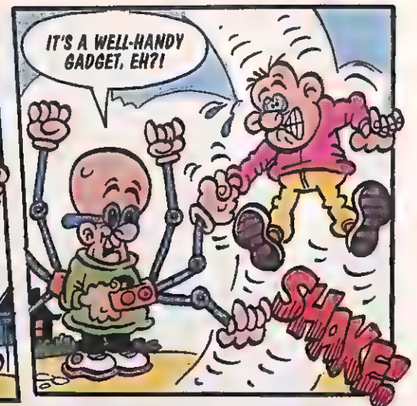


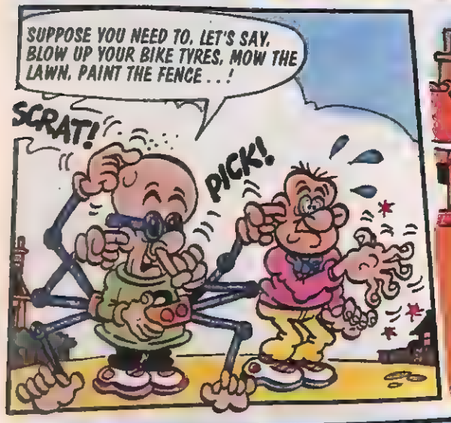




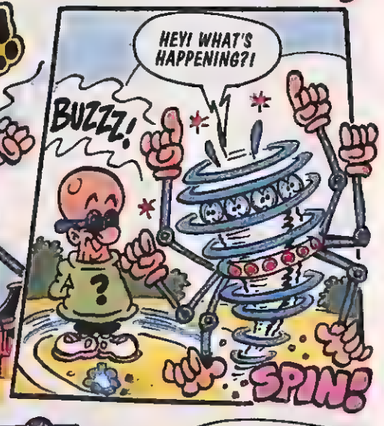

MAINLY
BRAINSLY
E=mc²
x+y=z

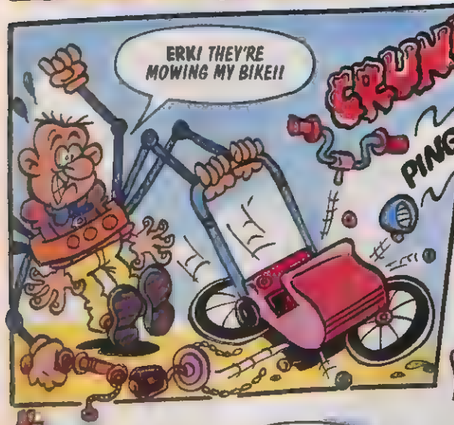

WHAT HAVE YOU GOT THERE, BRAINSLY?
MY LATEST DEVICE!


IT'S A WELL-HANDY GADGET, EH?!
SHAKE!

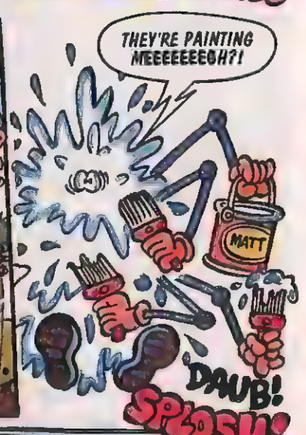

SUPPOSE YOU NEED TO, LET'S SAY, BLOW UP YOUR BIKE TYRES, MOW THE LAWN, PAINT THE FENCE . . .!
SCRAT!
PICK!

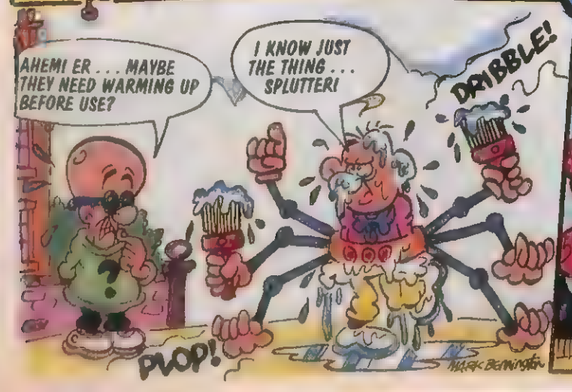
PROGRAMME THESE AND YOU CAN DO EVERYTHING AT ONCE! TRY IT!
CLICK!

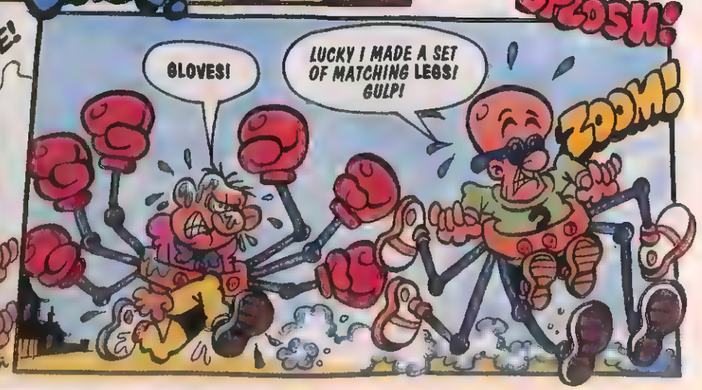

HEY! WHAT'S HAPPENING?!
BUZZZ!
SPIN!


ERK! THEY'RE MOWING MY BIKE!!
CRUNK!
PING!

SPLAT!
NOW THEY'RE BLOWING UP THE LAWN?!
PUMP!
BLAST!

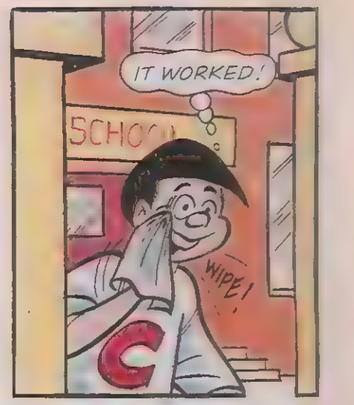

THEY'RE PAINTING MEEEEEEEGH?!
MATT
DAUB!
SPLOSH!

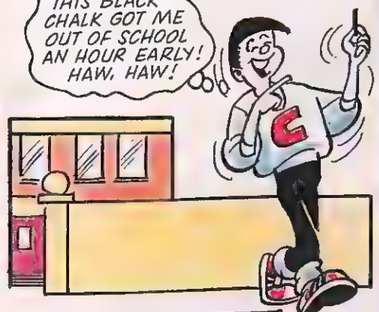

AHEM! ER . . . MAYBE THEY NEED WARMING UP BEFORE USE?
I KNOW JUST THE THING . . . SPLUTTER!
DRIBBLE!
PLOP!
MARK BERNSTEIN


GLOVES!
LUCKY I MADE A SET OF MATCHING LEGS! GULP!
ZOOM!

Chalky
I'm quick on the draw!

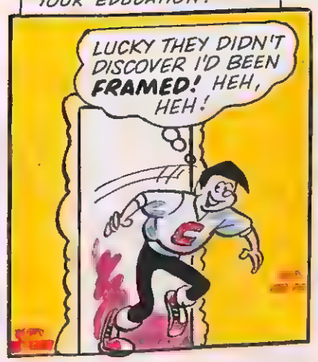
I WALKED INTO THE SCHOOL DOOR, MISS!
YOU POOR BOY! YOU'D BETTER GO HOME AND GET YOUR EYE SEEN TO!
CLASS 5

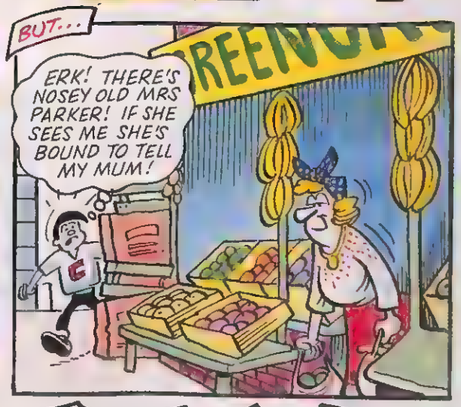

IT WORKED!
WIPE!

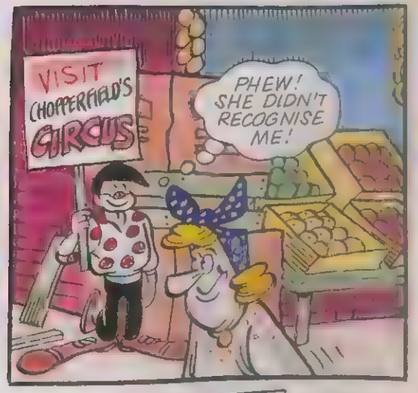

THIS BLACK CHALK GOT ME OUT OF SCHOOL AN HOUR EARLY! HAW, HAW!

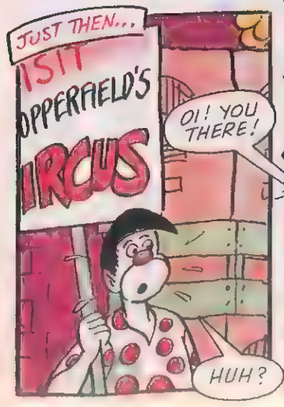
THEN...
UH-OH! THE POLICE MIGHT WANT TO KNOW WHY I'M NOT AT SCHOOL!
TOO RIGHT.

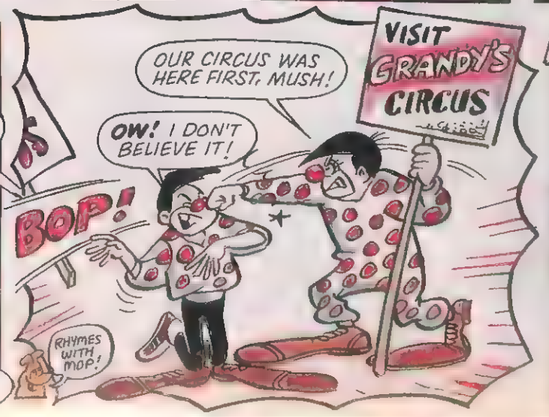
I SEE CHALKY'S BEEN BUSY AGAIN!
NICE SELF-PORTRAIT!

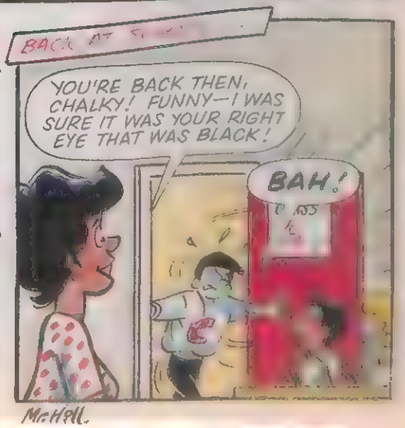

TELLING FIBS AT SCHOOL CAN SERIOUSLY DAMAGE YOUR EDUCATION!
LUCKY THEY DIDN'T DISCOVER I'D BEEN FRAMED! HEH, HEH!


BUT...
ERK! THERE'S NOSEY OLD MRS PARKER! IF SHE SEES ME SHE'S BOUND TO TELL MY MUM!

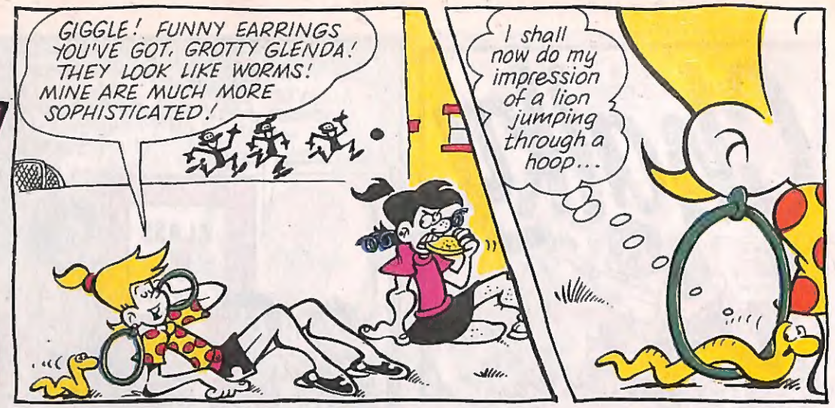

VISIT CHOPPERFIELD'S CIRCUS
PHEW! SHE DIDN'T RECOGNISE ME!

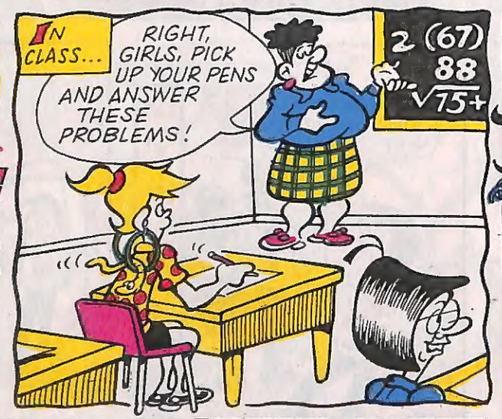

JUST THEN...
OI! YOU THERE!
HUH?

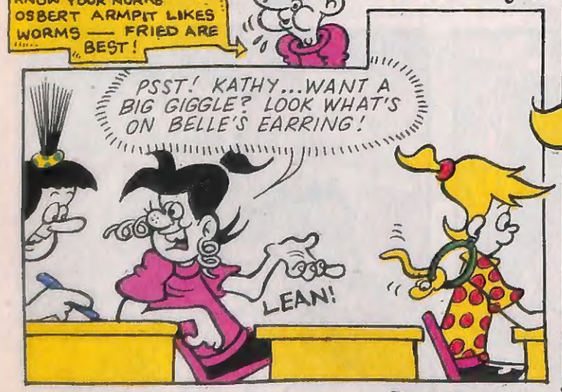

OUR CIRCUS WAS HERE FIRST, MUSH!
OW! I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
VISIT GRANDY'S CIRCUS
BOP!
RHYMES WITH MOP!

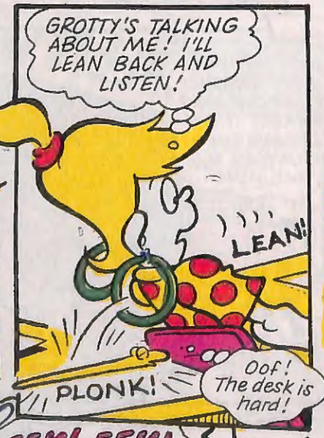

YOU'RE BACK THEN, CHALKY! FUNNY—I WAS SURE IT WAS YOUR RIGHT EYE THAT WAS BLACK!
BAH!
McHALL

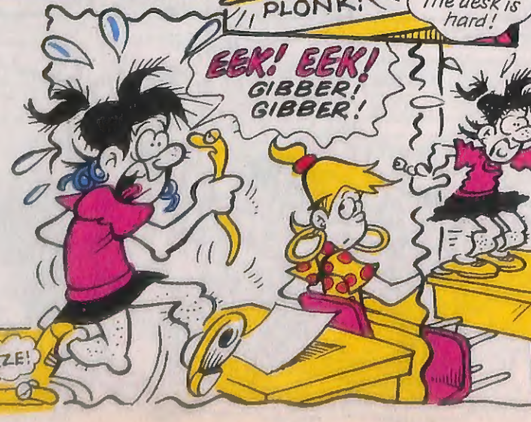
SCHOOL BELLE











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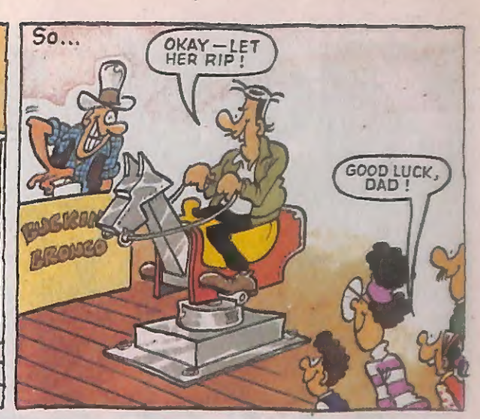
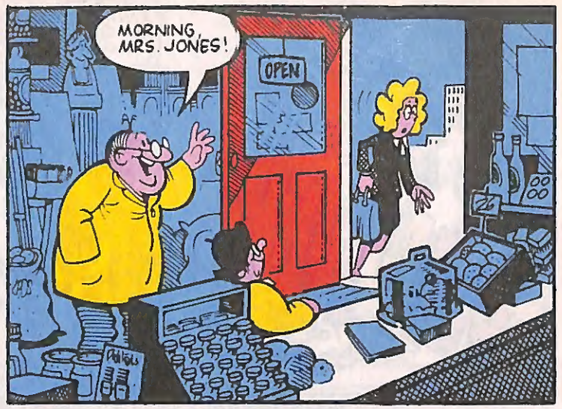
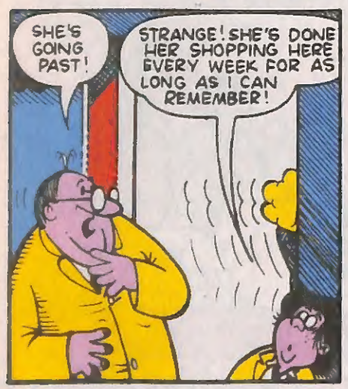
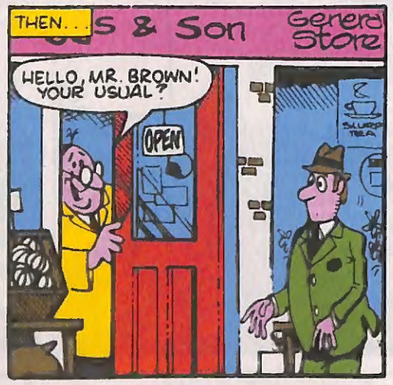
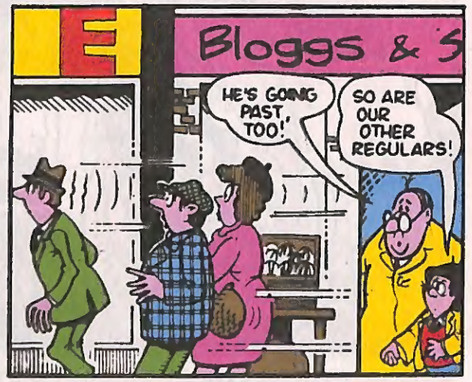


STORE WARS


MORNING, MRS. JONES!
OPEN


SHE'S GOING PAST!
STRANGE! SHE'S DONE HER SHOPPING HERE EVERY WEEK FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER!

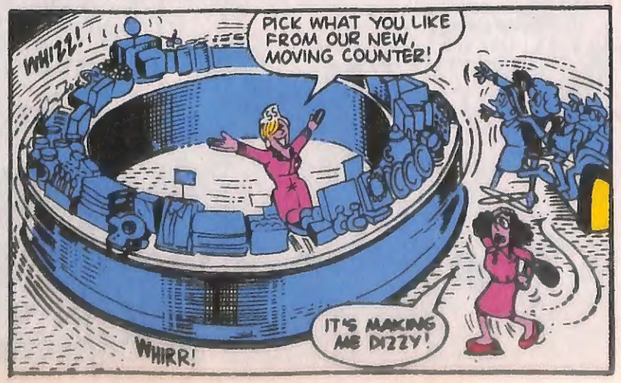

THEN...
S & Son
General Store
HELLO, MR. BROWN! YOUR USUAL?
OPEN


Bloggs & S
HE'S GOING PAST, TOO!
SO ARE OUR OTHER REGULARS!

THEY'RE ON A MOVING WALKWAY!
IT'S TAKING THEM RIGHT TO SUPERSTORE!
SORRY, BLOGGS! I STEPPED ON THIS THING AND NOW I CAN'T GET OFF!
WHIRR!
RUMBLE!

WELCOME! SO GLAD YOU COULD MAKE IT TO THE SMARTEST SHOP IN TOWN!
HUMPH! WE DIDN'T HAVE MUCH CHOICE!

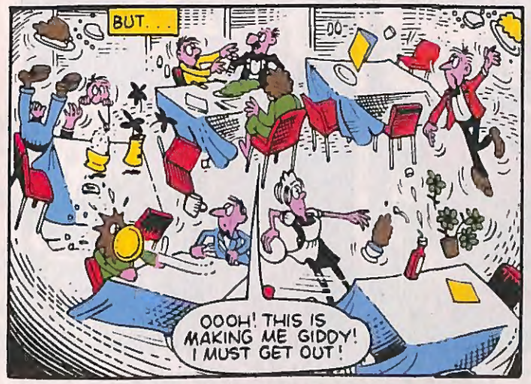
OUR MOVING STAIRCASE WILL TAKE YOU TO OUR NEW LAY-OUT ON THE 2ND. FLOOR!
WHIRR!
WHIRRR!
HEH, HEH! KEEP 'EM MOVING! DON'T GIVE 'EM TIME TO THINK!
WHOOSH!
RUMBLE!
WHIRR!


WHIZZ!
PICK WHAT YOU LIKE FROM OUR NEW, MOVING COUNTER!
IT'S MAKING ME DIZZY!
WHIRR!

OH, YES! I HAD MASSIVE ALTERATIONS DONE OVERNIGHT! CAUGHT YOU ON THE HOP THERE, BLOGGS!

NOW, I'M GOING TO MOVE LOTS OF STOCK WHILE YOU STAND STOCK STILL! HO, HO! LITTLE JOKE THERE!
VERY LITTLE!

AND, OUR NEW REVOLVING RESTAURANT IS GOING TO BE A SPECIAL ATTRACTION! GOT TO MOVE WITH THE TIMES, BLOGGS!

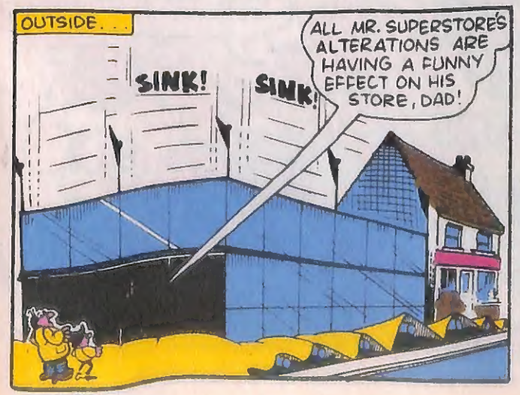

BUT...
OOOH! THIS IS MAKING ME GIDDY! I MUST GET OUT!

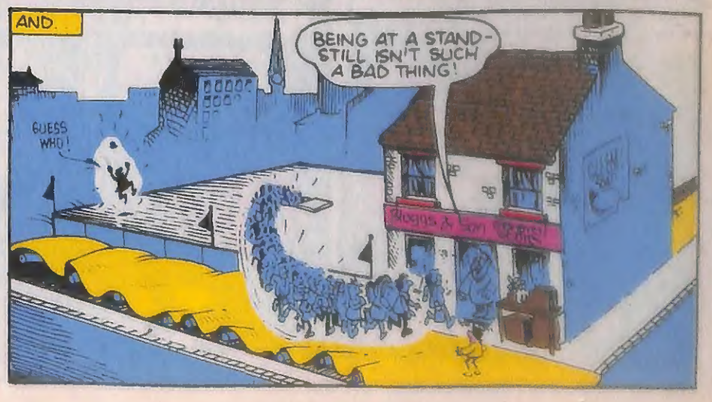
OUR DOWN ESCALATOR IS ALWAYS AT YOUR SERVICE, MADAM!
EXIT

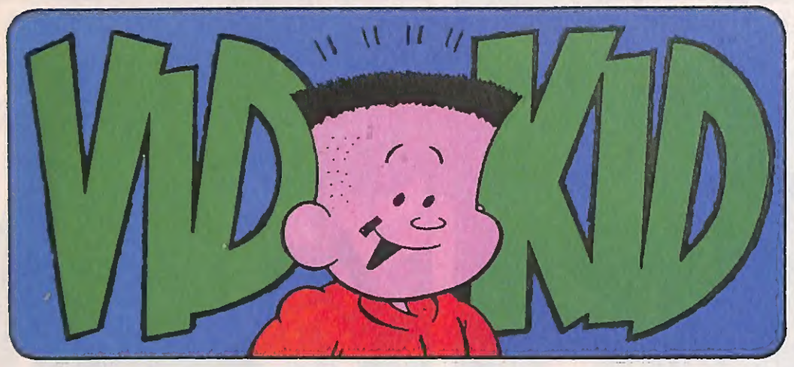
DON'T GO... YOU CAN RELAX IN OUR REST ROOM!
Rest Room

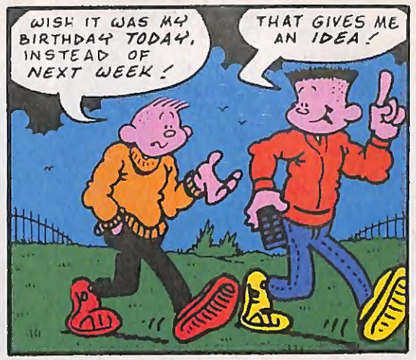
AS YOU CAN SEE, THE WHOLE FLOOR MOVES WITH A...ER... SOOTHING MOTION!
OOH! I FEEL ILL!
ME, TOO! GET ME TO THE LIFT!

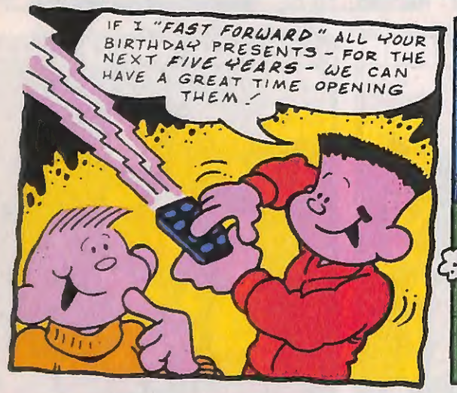
ER... THERE ISN'T A LIFT... IS THERE?
ER... NO, SIR! BUT WE SEEM TO BE GOING DOWN!
SINK!
SINK!


OUTSIDE...
SINK!
SINK!
ALL MR. SUPERSTORE'S ALTERATIONS ARE HAVING A FUNNY EFFECT ON HIS STORE, DAD!


AND...
BEING AT A STAND-STILL ISN'T SUCH A BAD THING!
GUESS WHO!







DELIBERATE MISTAKE: Vic has three arms in Picture 6.

ARE YOU A COOL DUDE... ...OR A DUMBO?

Answer the following questions and then check your score on the special 'Buster Dumbometer'. Award yourself one point for each correct answer.

1. WHO WROTE "20,000 LEAGUES UNDER THE SEA?"
A. Arthur Gibblets.
B. Norman Kneebone.
C. Jules Verne.
D. Jack Higgins.

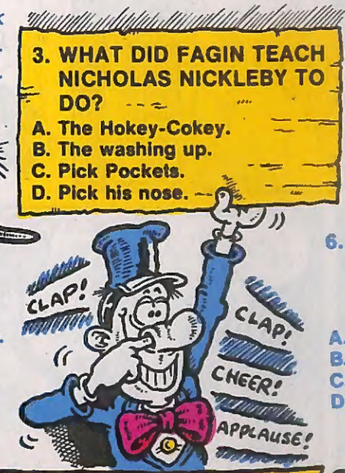
2. WHO WROTE "ROMEO AND JULIET?"
A. William Shakespear.
B. Me.
C. Agatha Christie.
D. Albert Einstein.

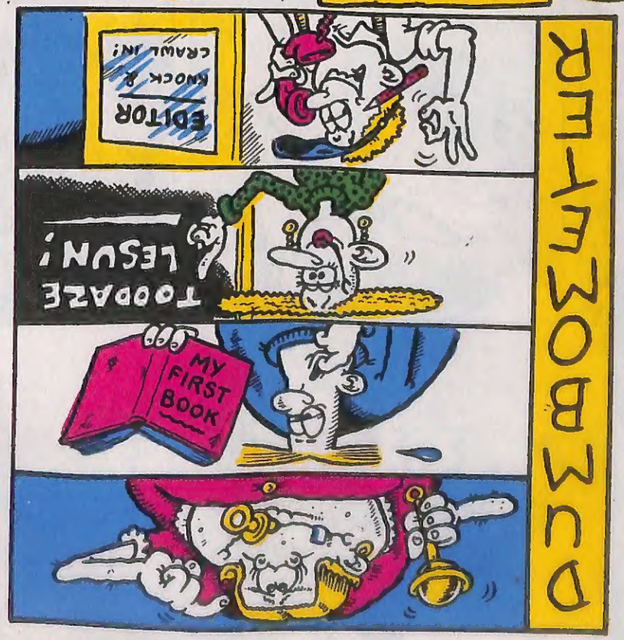
3. WHAT DID FAGIN TEACH NICHOLAS NICKLEBY TO DO?
A. The Hokey-Cokey.
B. The washing up.
C. Pick Pockets.
D. Pick his nose.

4. IS THERE ANYTHING THAT MAKES NODDY AND QUASIMODO EASY TO REMEMBER?
A. No.
B. Yes.
C. Could be.
D. Probably.

5. IN "TREASURE ISLAND" WOULD LONG JOHN SILVER HAVE MADE A GOOD LONG DISTANCE RUNNER?
A. You must be joking!
B. I don't think so.
C. No doubt about it.
D. I don't answer stupid questions.

6. WAS A BOOK ABOUT LITTLE FURRY ANIMALS USED TO ADVERTISE A CHEAP FOOD IN A BUTCHER'S SHOP?
A. Come again?
B. This is getting very silly.
C. No way, Jose!
D. Yo, right on!





TURN THE PAGE TO CHECK YOUR SCORE!...

Answers!

1. A. Arthur Gibblets was a deep sea diver who wrote on his slate with a waterproof crayon, "Help! I'm at 20,000 leagues and my air is running out!"

2. B. Me - I wrote it in a notebook when I was making up these questions! Wake up at the back! I didn't ask who wrote **a play** called "Romeo and Juliet."

3. None. Pick pockets would have been right, but there's just one teeny-weenie little catch. Anyone who knows anything about the works of Charles Dickens will have spotted that Nicholas Nickleby was a character from another book.

4. B. Yes, they both have names that "ring a bell!" Ha, Ha, Ha! I like that one!

5. C. No doubt about it. No matter how many laps Long John Silver had to go, he'd still be "on his last leg!"

6. D. Right on! The book was about rabbits, it was called "Watership Down", and it was advertised on a butcher's shop with the slogan: "You've read the book. You've seen the film. Now eat the characters!"

0-1: Pathetic Isn't the word! Book shelves are made of wood - and so is your head! The last thing you read was the Baby's Alphabet Book.

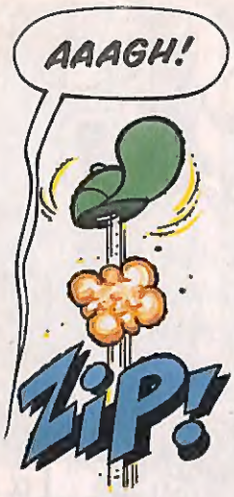
2-3: Greetings, Dumbo! No point in you joining the library. You know as much about literature as a pair of bookends.

4-5: There's hope for you yet. You have reached the level of an average English Teacher. But there's still a long way to go!

6: You're cool enough to be the next editor of "Buster!"

WOW! ALL THE CLOUDS HAVE GONE, TOO!

YESSS! NO CLOCKS! I'VE AN EXCUSE FOR BEING LATE FOR SCHOOL!

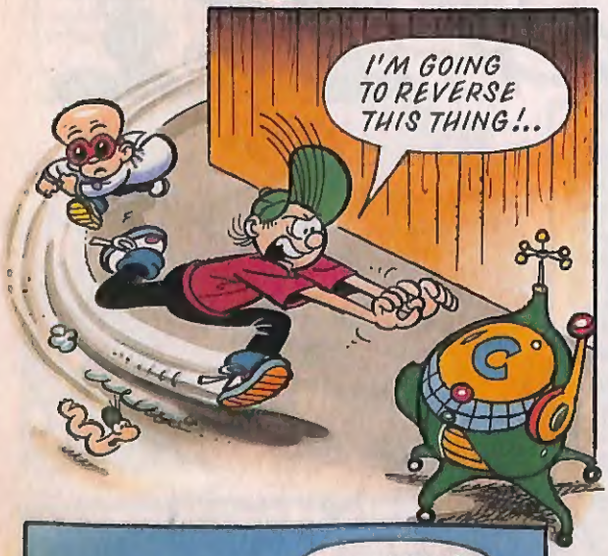

AAAGH!
ZIP!

CAREFUL, NO COVERS EITHER!

HEY! MY CAT'S DISAPPEARED, TOO!

I'M STARVING! CHICKEN BURGER, PLEASE!

HEY! IT'S EMPTY. WHERE'S MY CHICKEN?
GONE! IT STARTS WITH 'C'!


I'M GOING TO REVERSE THIS THING!..

...AND MAKE YOU DISAPPEAR, BRAINSLY!
NO! D-DON'T DO THAT...

...YOU START WITH 'B' TOO, BUSTER!
ERK! I FORGOT!

I'LL BRING THEM BOTH BACK!

NOW WE'RE GOING TO MAKE SURE THAT SOMETHING BEGINNING WITH 'M' DISAPPEARS!
GRR! PESKY MACHINE!